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## BALLAGH IGNORES ACTION THE BUDGET MEETING

### TAXPAYERS FORGOTTEN

Columbia County Representative is Guided by Own Views

Evidently Edison I. Ballagh, representative from Columbia county to the Oregon legislature, does not think much as to the recommendations of the county court, nor does it appear that a "budget meeting" which is attended by numerous taxpayers from the several sections of the county, should be considered. The question naturally arises—why a budget meeting held? The law says that the county court shall prepare a statement of the anticipated expenses for the ensuing year, shall advertise it and invite the taxpayers to meet and discuss the matter. This is the procedure followed by the Columbia county court. After providing the amount they thought necessary to conduct the county business, they turned to the salaries of the county officers and provided in the budget that each officer and each deputy should have an increase which amounted to \$1600 per year, and the budget "as prepared" was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Ballagh Chafes Schedule  
Unfortunately, Representative Ballagh was not at the budget meeting. It had been, possibly he would have had the budget changed at that time instead of waiting until he got to Salem to prepare an entirely new schedule of wages. Possibly the fact



EDISON I. BALLAGH

Representative, 20th District, Columbia County.

that he was not present when other taxpayers adopted the budget, induced him to think that he is not duty bound to abide by the wishes of the taxpayers. There must be some reason for Ballagh ignoring the wishes of the people he is supposed to represent, and introduce a bill putting \$900 more of expense on the taxpayers of the county. The representative has not favored the Mist with his excuse or reason, so the reader must draw his own conclusion as to why the taxpayer's wishes are thus ignored. It is possible that the ten million dollar road bill or the five or six hundred thousand dollar appropriation bill lead the representative to dream of and deal in big figures, so a little matter of increasing the salaries 60 per cent over what the people allowed, dwindled into insignificance as compared with the big figures some of the other representatives talked about.

### Sheriff and Clerk Favored

In drawing his bill, Mr. Ballagh increased the salaries of the county officers. The salaries of these two officers are raised from \$1400 to \$1800 per year—an increase of \$400. The county school superintendent, who was not treated so generously, as Ballagh provided for only a \$300 increase—from \$1300 to \$1600. The county court and the budget had provided for \$1600 for the first named officers and \$1500 for the latter, but evidently this did not suit Ballagh. The present salary of the assessor is \$1200 per year. The budget fixed it at \$1400, but Ballagh's raises the amount to \$1500. The county clerk receives \$900 per year; the budget raised this to \$1000 and Ballagh's generosity with the people's money, raises this to \$1100. The salary of the county clerk is \$1000 per year. This must have been satisfactory to both Fullerton and White for they are now hoping for the job, but Ballagh not satisfied—he raised the salary to \$1300 per year.

### Some are Overlooked

Two officials were entirely overlooked by Mr. Ballagh. It is not known whether he considered these officials as not worthy of a raise, or as "just naturally forgot them." In instance, the salary of the coun-

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## YOUNG MAN ACCUSED OF STEALING CATTLE

George Link Arrested for Appropriating Cattle Not His Own

Saturday afternoon Sheriff Stanwood went to Goble and arrested George A. Link, who is charged with butchering and selling cattle that were not his property. The young man was brought to St. Helens and lodged in jail. Monday afternoon his father came to the rescue and deposited a \$250 cash bail to guarantee his attendance at the preliminary hearing which is set for Monday, February 3rd.

Link stoutly maintains his innocence and says if he butchered any cattle that were not his property, that he did it by mistake, as he has quite a number of cattle on the range. The defendant has lived in the Goble neighborhood for a number of years and has a wife and four children.

## KAUTZMAN RECEIVES MAXIMUM SENTENCE

### APPEAL TO BE MADE

Judge Eakin Denies Motion for a New Trial and Gives Judgement

Wednesday morning Judge Eakin passed sentence on Ham Kautzman, editor of the Columbia Herald, who was recently convicted on the charge of publishing obscene and indecent articles in his paper. Kautzman did not appear in court, though his attorney, W. S. U'ren, was there to look after the interest of the convicted man.

### New Trial Denied

Mr. U'ren filed a motion for a new trial, but Judge Eakin overruled the motion and passed sentence which was six months in jail and \$500 fine. The jail sentence was remitted pending good behavior and with the understanding that the fine be immediately paid.

Attorney U'ren filed a notice of appeal and Kautzman's bond was fixed at \$1,000 and 24 hours given as the time in which to raise the bail.

Upon motion of District Attorney Metaker, the other cases against Kautzman were set for the May term of court.

Later—Yesterday Kautzman secured the required bail of \$1000 and his case is on appeal. In the meantime, he is at liberty.

## A GERMAN CANNON FOR ST. HELENS

Congressman Hawley Trying to Secure Captured Trophy

Congressman W. C. Hawley, on January 18, introduced the following bill in congress. The bill is numbered 14701 and was referred to the committee on military affairs:

### A BILL

Authorizing the Secretary of War to donate to the City of Saint Helens, Columbia County, in the State of Oregon, one German cannon or field piece.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to donate to the City of Saint Helens, Columbia County, State of Oregon, one cannon or fieldpiece captured by the American Army from the forces of the Imperial German Government during the present war.

A well known citizen of St. Helens suggested that it would be a good idea to obtain a captured German gun and he immediately took the matter up with Representative Hawley, who, it seems, lost no time in placing the matter before Congress. It is hoped that the congressman will be successful in obtaining the cannon or field piece for the city.

## REBEKAHS INSTALL THEIR OFFICERS

The installation of the recently elected officers of St. Helens Rebekah Lodge No. 217 was held Thursday evening, January 23rd, when the following were installed to serve for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Minnie Doleshal, N. G.; Mrs. Addie Levi, V. G.; Mrs. Etta Allen, secretary; Mrs. Rhoda McKie, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Christie, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. Fay Neff, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. Emma Lansing, R. S. V. G.; Genevieve Ingham, L. S. V. G.; Mrs. Florence Snelling, warden; Mrs. Ora Bennett, conductor; Susie Leonard, I. G.; W. A. Levi, O. G. Mrs. Mary Christie was the installing officer and after the installation a delightful lunch was served.

The steamer Cello is expected to arrive today and will take on a full cargo of lumber for San Pedro and Redondo, California, delivery. The vessel is scheduled to sail Sunday night.

## FULLERTON GAINS ONE IN VOTE RECOUNT

### NO DECISION YET

Present Judge Gains One Vote, But Ultimate Results Uncertain

The contest instituted by Martin White, defeated republican candidate, to secure the office of county judge from W. J. Fullerton, successful democratic candidate, was heard by the circuit court Monday.

Attorneys for Fullerton answered the complaint of White and offered to bring into court several parties who voted illegally, and who voted for White. Attorney Hume, representing Mr. White, objected to the answer, but the judge overruled the objection. Thereupon White rested his case and called County Clerk Hunt as the first witness. He swore that he had received the ballots and kept them safely. Counsel for Fullerton cited the law to show that the county clerk had no business with the ballots; that they should have been turned over to the sheriff. Numerous other objections were made but all of them were overruled by Judge Eakin, who allowed the recount to proceed.

### Judge Passes on Ballots

Judge Eakin, himself, passes on the ballots. Two parties represented the interested parties and the official court reporter kept the tally for the court's benefit. Any ballot not intended for either Fullerton or White was tallied as for "nobody," and ballots which appeared questionable were also counted for Mr. Nobody.

### Fullerton Gains One

When each precinct's vote had been tallied, it was found that Fullerton had gained one vote, making his majority four instead of three, as shown by the official canvass. However, this does not mean that Fullerton has been decided upon as the judge, for 29 votes were challenged by the White attorney and 12 by the attorney for Fullerton. The judge has these ballots marked for identification, and the privacy of his judicial chambers in Astoria, he will go over them carefully and decide as to the regular or irregular markings. With a scant majority of four it is quite possible that Fullerton's lead might be reduced and that White will land the coveted position.

### Vote is Changed

After throwing out the questionable ballots the vote tallied: For Fullerton, 774; for White, 770. The official canvass gave Fullerton, 786; White, 783. The difference of 15 votes in the aggregate number cast for the two candidates is accounted for by the fact that these were laid aside and counted for "nobody."

### More Time Given

Judge Eakin, in taking the case under consideration, gave the attorneys for Fullerton seven days in which to file a brief and Mr. Hume, representing White, stated he would wish two days to answer the answer. It will, therefore, be nine days before anything definite is known. In the event that White does not prevail, as to the ballots in question, Mr. Hume has the right to summon the witnesses he named in his complaint, and who he alleges, voted illegally and voted for Fullerton. Should this be done, it is possible that the result of "who is who" in the judgeship matter, will not be ascertained for some time. Even after the lower court decided the matter, the right of appeal to the supreme court is granted to the contestant and contestee. It might be, therefore, that even if White is decided to be the winner, that Fullerton will hold office for some time, or until such time as he has no further grounds upon which to base a fight.

## TRAIN SCHEDULE CHANGES SUNDAY

The schedule on the Astoria-Portland division of the S. P. & S. will change Sunday. The limited train between Portland and Seaside will be withdrawn on account of light travel.

Train No. 26—the Rainier local—will leave the St. Helens station at 7:57 a. m., arriving in Portland at 9:20 a. m.

Train 22—the Astoria local—will leave here at 11:08 and arrives in Portland at 12:10 p. m.

The Rainier local leaves St. Helens at 3:27 p. m., and arrives in Portland at 4:40 p. m. and the Astoria night train leaves here at 9:20 p. m., arriving in Portland at 10:20 p. m.

Trains leave Portland at 8:10 a. m., 12:15 p. m., 5:15 p. m. and 6:25 p. m.; arriving in St. Helens at 9:07 a. m., 1:23 p. m., 6:25 p. m. and 7:08 p. m. The Johnson auto bus leaves for the depot about 20 minutes prior to the departure of trains mentioned above.

Laden with \$35,000 feet of lumber and carrying a good passenger list, the steamer Willamette sailed Wednesday night bound for California ports. The steamer had loaded on deck three large boilers which are for a government steamer under construction in San Pedro.

## GAME WARDENS STOP A HUNTING PARTY

### ARRESTS FOLLOW FIND

Recently Killed Deers Found in Possession of Party.

Game Warden E. H. Clark and deputies Tom Craig and H. Craig rudely interrupted a hunting party last Friday afternoon, when they entered a cabin near the site of the old Horgen mill, about six miles west of Deer Island, and found J. W. Thorp, John W. Harrison, Owen Carley and Blaine Sonneland gathered around a heated stove waiting for the venison, which was in a steaming pot to get well cooked so they might have their evening repast of good and tender deer meat. That the boys did not expect to starve, was shown by the fact that in the meat house adjoining the cabin was another nice specimen of the antlered herd skinned and salted and ready for the frying pan.

At this time of the year it is unlawful to have in one's possession a game animal, and deer is considered a game animal, consequently, the boys, or rather men, were arrested, and the good deer meat confiscated, as were guns in possession of the party. Jake Watters came up a little later and he, also, was arrested. The game warden took the deer meat and guns to Portland and the boys were told to come to St. Helens. This they did Saturday afternoon, a sadder but a wiser bunch.

Monday the trial was held before Justice Hazen and the defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 each and costs. Jake Watters, who was not in the cabin when the other parties were arrested, plead not guilty and was bound over to the grand jury. His bail was fixed at \$150 and he produced three Liberty Bonds as collateral.

The boys, who evidently love the wild of nature, had been in camp for about ten days. They had a bountiful supply of provisions and equipment, and had not the game warden butted in, would have probably have stayed in the wilds for a number of days, as, from all appearances hunting was very good indeed.

All of them had hunting licenses, which, under the law, are cancelled on account of the infraction of the game law. At any rate, the party, according to those who participated, was a merry one while it lasted, and had it not been for the game warden, the two weeks stay in the woods would have been most pleasant, but then, the game warden butted in and the merry party was changed to a sadder but wiser lot of men, who must now have more respect for the laws of Oregon.

Wednesday the boys appeared in court, and claiming to be unable to raise the fine, were sentenced to 25 days in jail. They were given to the custody of the sheriff and began serving their time Wednesday noon.

Judge Hazen ascertained that young Harrison was a minor and he has been turned over to the juvenile court. Judge Fullerton, as yet, has not heard the case.

## MISSOURI MAN WANTS TO KNOW

Asks St. Helens Friend if St. Helens Council is in Session

A friend of the Mist recently received a letter from a friend who lives in Missouri. The Missouri friend had received a copy of the Mist containing the report of the meeting of the city council of St. Helens when that honorable body neglected the formality of adjourning. The man from the "show me state" wanted to know if the council had yet adjourned or convened. For the benefit of the Missouri friend, the Mist will state that the council met on the Monday night following the Monday night on which they neglected to adjourn. The minutes of the previous meeting did not show an adjournment, in fact, they showed that the council had been in session all week, but such a small matter as having the minutes correct, was overlooked by the council and they have had many meetings since the time they didn't adjourn.

## POPULAR COUPLE ARE MARRIED

Miss Madeline Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Thomas of Goble and a teacher in the Yankton school, and E. W. Ketel, a well known contractor of this city, slipped away to Portland several days ago and were quietly married at St. Mark's church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Hattan, rector of the church.

Until another teacher is secured to take her place, the bride will continue to teach in Yankton, but later on, will come to St. Helens where the happy couple will make their home.

## NEIGHBORS OF WOOD- CRAFT'S NEW OFFICERS

Houlton Circle No. 478, Neighbors of Woodcraft, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Richardson, on Tuesday and installed the following officers:

G. N. Julia Anderson; P. G. N. Agnes Dixon; clerk, Minnie Morley; adviser, Jane Goodman; magician, Catharine Adams; attendant, Cora Meehan; banker, Birdell Williams; inner sentinel, Sarah Payne; outer sentinel, Julia Long; captain of guards, Minnie Kelly; managers, Sarah Payne, Agnes Dixon, Edith Clark; musician, Edith Clark.

This order has been meeting at the homes of the different members for several months on account of no lodge hall to meet in. It would seem a good investment if some one would erect a building suitable for such purposes, as there are several organizations in the city with no place in which to hold their meetings. Surely a good income could be derived from such an investment.

## CLOVER HILL FARM CHANGES HANDS

### INVOLVES ABOUT \$70,000

Wickersham Sells to Shannon Shafer—A Big Deal

One of the biggest realty deals made in the county for quite a while was recently consummated when J. L. Wickersham sold his Clover Hill Farm, cattle and equipment to Shannon Shafer. The consideration, while not made public, is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$70,000. Mr. Wickersham has already turned over the property to the new owner, who has taken charge.

### Farm a Large One

The Clover Hill Farm contains 327 acres, and a considerable portion of it is highly improved. There are also, a number of substantial buildings, and modern barns. Included in the deal was 110 head of pure bred Guernsey and Holstein cattle.

Mr. Wickersham has operated the farm for the past three years and made a specialty of furnishing only certified milk. Most of the milk was shipped to Portland.

Mr. Shafer is a dairyman of much experience and recently operated a large dairy farm near Vancouver, Washington. He is well pleased with the prospects in Columbia county and expects to become a permanent resident.

Although the Clover Hill Farm is considered one of the most modern dairy farms in the county, it is stated that Mr. Shafer has in mind several improvements which will bring the work of the farm to a higher state of efficiency.

## OUTLOOK FOR OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE

The committee that is making arrangements for the coming Older Boys' Conference met Tuesday afternoon.

Reports from the various members indicated prospects for a rousing conference and a general awakening of boys and for boys.

Mr. Wheeler, who has charge of the entertainment of the delegates, reports that the people of St. Helens are co-operating generously in opening their homes to the coming visitors. He says every one will be cared for even if every boy in the county should be present.

Other members had an equally satisfactory report. A number of very agreeable surprises were planned in addition to the regular program.

Much favorable comment has already been heard regarding the high quality of the talent. Many of the men who are to appear are of national fame. For instance, it has been stated repeatedly by those who have heard him, that Dr. Pence's presence on the program is alone worth a hundred mile trip. He appears the first evening.

Every boy of fourteen or over should be there. There is no expense except a conference fee of fifty cents. This is for all three days, February 14-15-16.

## NEW CONCERN STARTS OUT IN BUSINESS

The St. Helens Co-operative Union Store has bought the stock and fixtures of the St. Helens Mercantile company from a Mr. Rudloffson and have begun serving the public. The new concern has as its directors, W. P. Howell, chairman; W. H. Smith, Otto Lorenston, V. L. Shepherd and S. Deaver. B. I. Plummer is the secretary. Elmer Blackburn, treasurer, W. H. Smith, vice-president, and Elmer Chapman, manager. The men connected with the new venture have many friends in St. Helens and will probably do a good business at the old stand of the Mercantile Company at which place so many St. Helens people have traded.

## WEEKLY PERFORMANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### PHONE REPORT MADE

Streets, Lights and Telephone Occupy Attention of City Dads

The regular meeting of the city council was held Monday night. The mayor, Councilman McDonald and Councilman Allen were right on the dot at seven o'clock, but a half-hour was lost waiting for Elmer Chapman to show up and thereby make up a quorum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with the exception that Recorder Quick was informed that the council did not intend to have "an automobile show," as the minutes stated. The recorder's entry was changed to read "would show for the city" instead of the "city will have an auto show." Several minor corrections were made and then the council got down to real work.

Marshal Potter reported that the sewer on the "Hazen Hill" was plugged. The mayor gave valuable information as to how to clear it, being perfectly familiar with the situation on account of his having been on the council when the sewer was built. The marshal promised.

### McCormick Makes Request

A letter was received from H. F. McCormick, saying that the office of the Postal Telegraph Company would soon be moved to the bank building. He suggested that the old fire alarm system wires which are



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Congressman who is endeavoring to secure for St. Helens, a captured German cannon or fieldpiece.

strung on the poles of the light company, be removed so that the wires of the telegraph company could be brought into town and extended to the new location of the office. The matter was referred to the mayor and His Honor did not think the granting of the request would be good business for the city.

### Rutherford Has a Kick

L. R. Rutherford appeared before the council and referred to the light at the corner of his building on Columbia street. He stated the light was set behind the pole and that the alleyway was in darkness. He had previously made this objection, but no results had followed. Councilman McDonald stated he had "told Cole about it" and Cole had stated that it needed a "written order." He suggested that if it was not changed, that some pay be held out from the monthly bill of the light company. A motion was then made to instruct the St. Helens Light & Power company to change the light. The motion carried.

Apparently Rutherford was not entirely satisfied, for he said that Cole had picked out the biggest pole he could find and then put the light back of the pole. He was assured that the matter would be promptly attended to.

### Mayor Buys Logs

Mayor Saxon reported that he had made arrangements with Broughton & Wiggins to buy four cull logs for \$125.00. The logs, he said, were 40 feet long and 40 inches in diameter. He wanted these to build a floating dock alongside the city dock. The council left the matter in the mayor's hands and granted him authority to conclude the purchase for these four cull logs for \$125.

### Zipperer Franchise Tabled

The ordinance granting J. L. Zipperer a franchise to build and operate a telephone line in St. Helens, was tabled. The mayor explained that he had a talk with Zipperer and "from the language that Zipperer used when he found out the Pacific Telephone company was going to use the light company's poles" he was sure Zipperer did not want the

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